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SUBJECT Political Information:
CHIANG Kai-shek

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1. On 25 June 1947 T. V. SOONG left Shanghai for Nanking. Previous to his departure, he had discussions with the heads of all opposition press in Shanghai, who now assure him that they will print nothing derogatory if he returns to a position in the government. SOONG is not afraid of the Generalissimo and will flatly state his case and not "weasel" with the Generalissimo as do CHEN Cheng and LEI Chen. SOONG's support and initiative in this move are unknown to source. SOONG is willing to accept the premiership, but some government officials (names unknown to source) are urging him as the only man to assume the presidency.

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2. After three long conferences with the Generalissimo, SOONG returned to Shanghai without having been recalled into the government. CHIANG received all of SOONG's advice, but no action was taken regarding any of SOONG's proposals for strengthening the government. SOONG states that the reason for this lack of action is that the Generalissimo now feels much stronger than he did one month ago and considers the entire situation in China well in hand, with confidence that the present military offensive will be successful. SOONG now believes that no one can talk to the Generalissimo regarding the situation and he has no hope for an immediate improvement in the current crisis.

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